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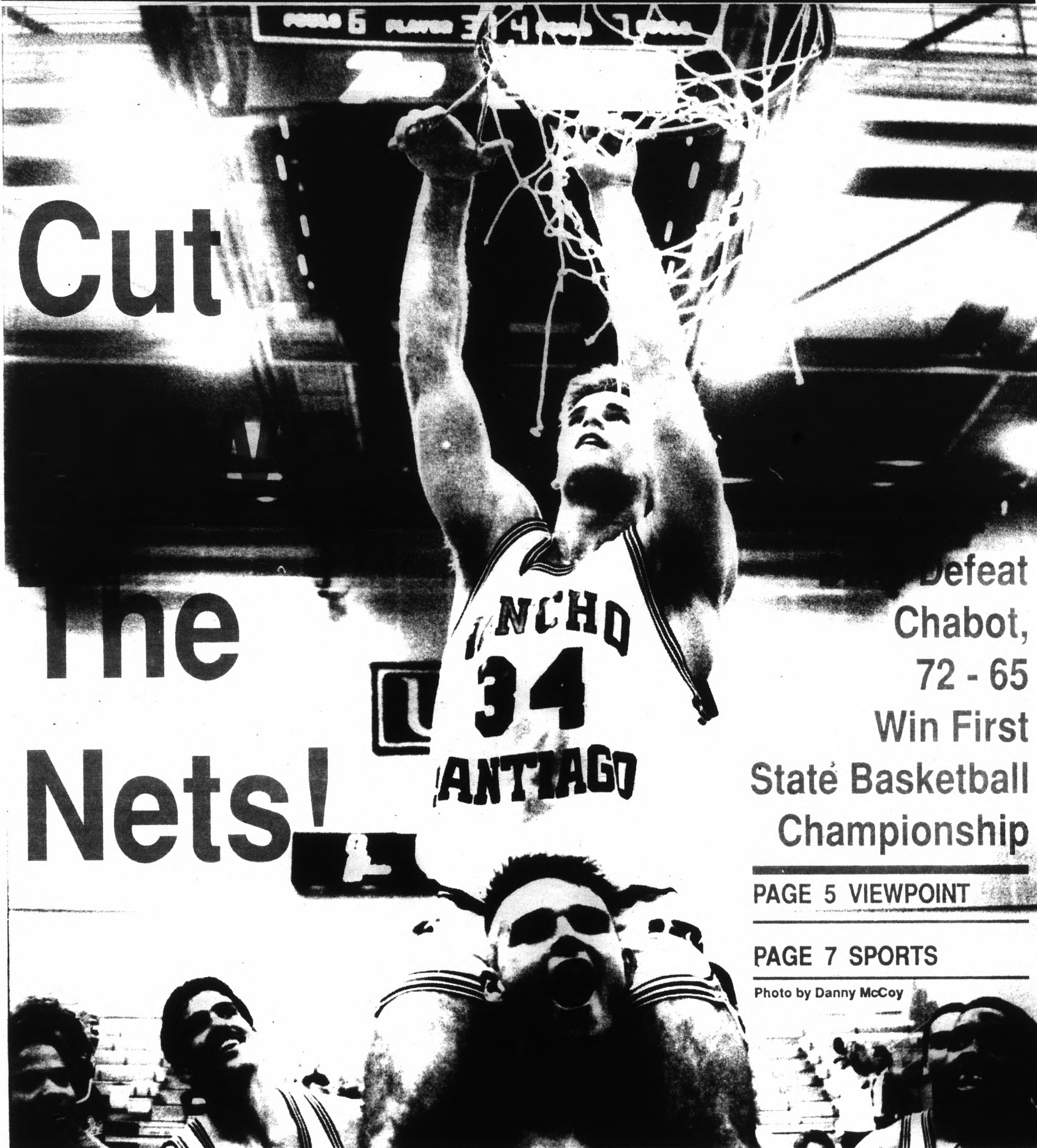
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RSC Board of Trustees tables swap meet vote

BY MIKE CAPO
NEWS EDITOR

The Rancho Santiago College Board of Trustees has decided to put off any decision regarding the schools' Sunday swap meets after they sent back a study that was to define the impact of the swap meet on Washington Square, the neighborhood surrounding the college.

The study was ordered last August by Orange County Superior Court Judge

William F. Rylaarsdam after a lengthy court battle between the college and the City of Santa Ana.

Santa Ana had banned open-air swap meets but the college challenged the decision saying that the school is on state owned property and did not have to comply with the city's ordinance.

"I'm not sure if the city knows what it wants and if the Mayor was here I would tell him that," said Vernon Evans, board president.

Board members decided that they needed

more information from the study, which was conducted by S/R Lamoureux an Irvine consulting firm, before any decision on the future of the swap meet.

Problems arose during a public hearing when about a dozen residents complained about the swap meet, citing excess noise, litter problems and traffic congestion.

Frank Ford, 30-year Washington Square resident said, "It (the swap meet) starts at 7 in the morning and goes until 5 or 6 in the evening. The trash, congestion

(traffic) and noise are just not acceptable in a residential area."

"Sunday is a day of rest," added Tom Lutz, also a resident.

The swap meet, which has been in operation for about two years, is operated by Norton Western Ltd., which is owned by Santa Ana City Councilman Rick Norton.

Any decisions on the future of the swap meet will have to wait until April 18 when the board reviews the new study.

Students find it difficult to "eat right"

BY CINDY CALMESE
STAFF WRITER

Nearly 80 percent of RSC students believe they are overweight and over half feel their diets are below nutritional standards, according to a recent el Don survey.

The junk food bandwagon has been taking students for rides because of the availability of places to buy fast food and the busy lives most students say they lead.

Concern for nutrition and being fit is reportedly on the rise, according to the recent poll. Three out of four students would consider taking a nutrition course to improve on their eating habits.

But with all the temptations available at the Santa Ana campus, along with competition among the fast food chains bringing prices down, students turn to a 'quick fix'

at Burger King or any of the other local fast food restaurants because it is quick and simple.

Paul Benson, manager at Burger King across from the Santa Ana campus, says that the turn-out of students is not as great as he expected since the restaurant opened in late August. He estimates that 20 to 30 percent of the business comes from RSC. "I did notice the change," comments Benson on the lack of student activity during winter break. "Fall semester there weren't as many (students) coming in, but now it is picking up a little."

Since the majority of students do not spend eight-hour-days at school, many do not have time to eat at Burger King, reasoned Benson. Benson thinks that most students have maybe three classes, then rush off to work.

About 85 percent of RSC students complain of busy schedules interrupting their chances of decent meals. Students find it easier to go to a 'drive-thru' or grab a Kudo bar or donut on their way out the door.

Students like Chad Ortlieb, 19, sophomore, grab themselves a Double Western Cheeseburger from Carl's Jr. because of their busy schedule and lack of food in the refrigerator.

Convenience or fast food stores are easier to go to than going shopping and making meals of the food bought, according to Ortlieb.

"Go shopping," Ortlieb suggests, to break the junk food habit, "and don't succumb to laziness."

Others, such as Karen Linn, 30, believe that busy schedules should not receive all

the blame for fast food habits.

"Parents plant the seed, then lifestyle takes over," she states, showing that junk food junkies may come from 'junkie' parents.

Of the fast food places which attract RSC students, Taco Bell and Carl's Jr. ranked number one. Jack-in-the-Box came in a close second and Mc Donald's rated third. Various other places frequented by students are sandwich shops and el Pollo Loco.

With the competitive food prices, two-for-one deals, and quickness and availability of the chains' stores, a student can eat lunch for under three dollars, and have anything from soft tacos to chili dogs.

Chomping on store-bought and vending machine chips or candy seem to be the junk food which lures most of the students into eating. Hamburgers follow

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Construction to double size of Orange Campus

BY KAREN WALSH
EDITOR IN CHIEF

At an estimated cost of \$6,999,000, RSC began construction last week of a classroom building at the Orange campus that would double the campus' size, according to Robert Partridge, dean of facilities planning.

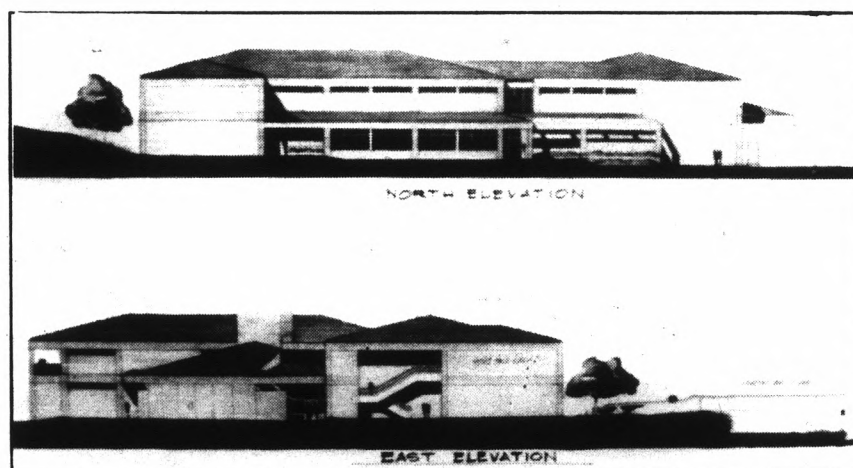
RSC expects that construction of the classroom facility will be completed by the end of May 1991, Partridge added.

"It'll be ready for occupancy Fall semester of 1991," Partridge said.

Bidding was awarded at a Board of Trustees meeting Jan. 21. Afterwards, papers had to be signed by state officials before construction began March 13.

The classroom building, which will include laboratories and lecture halls, spans 30,000 square feet. It will be built immediately south of the two existing buildings at Orange campus, according to Partridge.

"It'll give better balance to instructional offerings. Students won't have to take a split load; classes at Santa Ana and Orange campuses. Some classes are not



Architect's rendering of new classroom building to be built at the Orange campus. Construction is scheduled to be completed in May of 1991.

offered out there presently, and will be," Partridge said.

"It'll address our growth concerns in the district, specifically the Orange area. It'll address the educational needs of this geographical area," Partridge added.

This addition will also increase the number of students who currently attend Orange campus, according to Partridge.

After construction, 6,500 to 7,000 students will flock to the Orange campus, compared with the present 4,000.

California funds provided RSC with 98.5 percent of the money needed for this project. The rest came from money set aside by RSC for projects "of construction type," Partridge said. This is called the capital outlay fund.

"We were very fortunate. We were able to show them (the state) that we had a financial need," Partridge added. Also, classroom buildings are the state's No. 1 priority. Community colleges usually provide 10 percent of the construction funds.

Since Chapman Avenue was redirected last year to make room for RSC's projected construction agenda, a parking lot is being planned for completion this summer, according to Partridge. The lot would accommodate 400 cars. It will be located below the present parking lot.

Also, at a proposed cost of \$900,000, a child development center will begin construction in August or September 1990, Partridge said.

The child development center has been planned to serve as a dual purpose facility: providing a home base for the RSC child care facilities on the Orange campus, and as an education facility for those enrolled in child development courses, according to Partridge.

Money for the child development center will come from categorical funds, which

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Plans to alleviate traffic congestion in works

Transportation agencies to improve Orange County's traffic problems despite the defeat of Measure M

BY KAREN WALSH
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Although various transportation agencies have been set back in their agendas to alleviate transportation woes by the defeat of Measure M last November, some are 'bouncing back' with plans to improve Southern California's

traffic congestion.

Widening freeways and constructing carpool lanes, building toll roads, increasing bus ridership and improving rail transit are being designed, according to Thomas Fortune, public affairs officer at Orange County Transportation Commission.

Widening Interstate 5 is expected to be completed in 10 years, said Fortune. It will also include carpool lanes.

"The Corona del Mar-El Toro Y (where the 5 and 405 freeways meet) will have carpool lanes (this month)," Fortune said.

The OCTC also has plans to

construct carpool lanes on the 91 and 57 freeways, according to Fortune.

"What we have right now is the beginning of a system," Fortune added.

The majority of the public sees carpool lanes as a solution to freeway congestion, according to Fortune. "It's (carpool lanes) been pretty well received right from the beginning," he added.

Three new freeways are needed in Orange County, said Fortune, but there is no funding to build them.

Because of lack of money

for freeways, three toll roads are being planned for Southern California, according to Fortune. These toll roads would be placed parallel to highways.

Although in the designing stages, the Transportation Corridor Agencies and OCTC wants to build toll roads in the San Joaquin Hills, and San Bernardino or Riverside counties. A toll road that would be "an extension of the 57 to the 405" is also being planned, Fortune said.

"It would cost \$1 or \$2 a trip on the toll roads," Fortune added.

Half the cost of constructing toll roads would come from

developers. TCA and OCTC would pay for the other half, according to Fortune.

Bus ridership has increased by 17 percent in the past year, according to Leah Massey, public information specialist at the Orange County Transit District.

"There has been a steady increase (of riders)," Massey added.

OCTD is undergoing an aggressive marketing campaign in order to attract more bus riders, said Massey. Senior citizens and students are able to get discounts.

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Students claim Nicaraguan people want Sandinista rule

CPS

Student groups that supported Nicaragua's Sandinista government said they are disappointed by the Feb. 28 election defeat of Sandinista President Daniel Ortega, but maintained the Nicaragua people still support the Sandinista movement.

The election also could mean the Sandinistas won't be able to supply any more weapons to the El Salvadoran rebels, the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front (FMLN).

"The FMLN is not about to go away," promised Doug Calvin of the Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador (CISPES), the Washington, D.C.-based groups

that coordinated student trips to Nicaragua, organized college rallies opposing the U.S. Central American policy and arranged campus lecture tours for Sandinistas.

"I think this first and foremost shows the Sandinista government was committed to free and fair elections," he added.

Calvin's group, which is part of a coalition hoping to bring 'thousands' of collegians to march on Washington March 24 to alter U.S. policy in Central America, believes the time is ripe to force a fundamental change.

"With the political changes, now is the time to say 'no more aggression,'" Calvin said.

Ortega's loss was "both surprising and disappointing," said a CISPES member at the University of Texas-Austin, who didn't want her name used.

The student Central American solidarity movement, she said, will continue to support the Sandinistas.

The outcome of the election, which she blamed on U.S. support for the

Contras, "is an important lesson. Lobbying is not enough. We need to have more demonstrations and take a stronger stand," she said.

Even after Ortega's defeat by Violeta Chamorro, who was herself a Sandinista until she broke with Ortega, Sandinista sympathizers believe Ortega still has the country's support.

"The people are thinking ahead more than six years," maintained Kerry Cashman, a member of the University of Minnesota's Nicaraguan Solidarity Committee. "They knew they had to let a U.S.-backed government win so that the country could move forward. The people will not let the revolution die."

"U.S. policy towards Nicaragua shows that if it can't overthrow a government it will try to strangle the people," Calvin asserted.

He thought Ortega's defeat might end the strangulation. "The Chamorro victory will bring back United States financial support, and will hopefully break down some political barriers."

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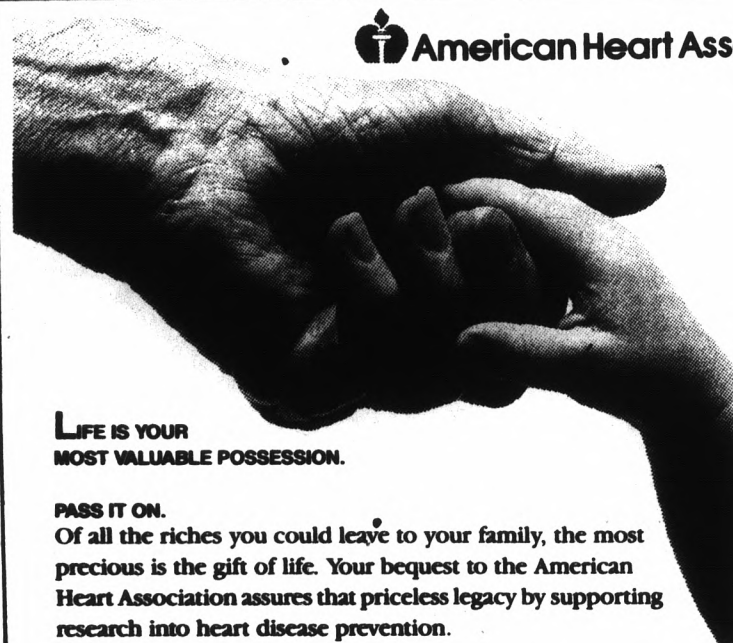
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book covers are being distributed and speaking publicly of the positive points of riding the bus are part of OCTD's promotional campaign.

Besides taking the bus, ride-sharing and van-pooling are also becoming more popular, according to Massey.

"I think that this is because Orange County is a job-rich market versus other counties," Massey added.

She also credited Regulation 15, a product of the Air Quality Management, which encourages businesses to motivate their employees to use other means of transportation other than commuting alone. Employees receive awards like paid days off from work.

"(The use of buses, ride-shar-

"What we have now is the beginning of a system."

- Thomas Fortune

Public Affairs Officer, Orange County Transportation Commission, concerning construction of carpool lanes and toll roads.

ing, and van-pooling) is going to be increasing because of Regulation 15," Massey said.

Eight van pools have formed, she added. Sixteen more are currently in the making.

Although defeated last year, Measure M, in all probability, will be on the ballot this November, according to Fortune.

Measure M is designed to raise \$3 billion to improve freeways, rail transit and local streets and roads. If passed, Measure M would increase the state's sales tax by 1/2 cent.

Every other county in California has a raised sales tax in order to alleviate traffic woes, Fortune said. Four counties have a one cent sales tax increase for this purpose.

Fortune believes that Measure M did not pass because of the 22 percent voter turn-out last November. Because this year's election is a gubernatorial one, Fortune expects a larger turn-out, therefore passage of Measure M.

Increasing the gas tax is another way to improve the county's traffic condition, according to Fortune.

"It's on the ballot this June," he said.

"It would be used state-wide, but Orange County would get a share," Fortune added.

If passed, the gas tax would increase by five cents at first. Every year after that, it would go up one cent, until it reached nine cents, according to Fortune.

Junk food:

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closely behind.

Becoming educated on nutrition is the advice offered by students in order to kick the junk food habit. Also, not eating meats,

watching programs on starving countries, and most importantly, making time to eat right are also advisable.

The majority feel that if they were not always on the go, they would have the time to go shopping, make a meal, and actually sit down to eat it.

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can only be spent on child care projects, Partridge said. This is a result of a tax collected prior to the passage of Proposition 13.

"Assuming there are no delays, April 1991 should be the completion date," Partridge added.

RSC has a master plan in mind for the Orange campus.

"(We'll be) building a major instructional facility every three or four years. That's our plan," said Partridge.

It takes three to five years to complete each construction project because of the process involved and the competitive nature between community colleges, according to Partridge.

The East Orange Joint Use Committee, which comprises RSC officials, the city of Orange, the Orange Unified School

District and the Irvine Co., are conferring to design 'joint use projects' to benefit RSC and the city of Orange.

A community theater, an Olympic-sized swimming pool, a stadium, a community/college library, athletic fields and recreational areas are being considered, according to Partridge.

Not all of these facilities may be housed on the Orange campus but, "the library and the theater appear most logical for the Orange campus," Partridge said.

Since these facilities are not considered high priority in terms of state funds, these groups are banding together to pool their financial assets, Partridge added.

Students and members of the community would be welcome to use these joint facilities.

Partridge expects that the Orange campus master plan will be completed in 20 to 25 years. When completed, the Orange campus will span 350,000 square feet, and will be largen

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Editorials

RSC Basketball overcomes obstacles to claim state title

The mens basketball team achieved its ultimate goal when it won the state championship on March 10.

This victory was especially significant because it was the first state basketball title in RSC's history.

RSC is the first Orange County team to win the mens basketball title in 10 years. Cypress was the county's last winner, in 1980.

The team overcame many personal obstacles before the March 10 game against Chabot. Winning the championship game was easy compared to the passing of Coach Dana Pagett's parents, the loss of Vern Broadnax's front teeth, and a car accident involving Mike Hunter's family, all of which occurred during the season.

But the team pulled together and the result was something that RSC will never forget. Congratulations guys!

Swap meet is an unfair trade to community

Shrouded in a veil of controversy, including a legal battle between college administrators and the City of Santa Ana, the RSC Board of Trustees elected to postpone any decision regarding the swap meet held Sundays on the Santa Ana campus.

Students, faculty, and staff members of RSC, who have ventured to the Santa Ana campus on a Sunday, have experienced the disruption which the swap meet brings to the completion of the simplest of campus-related tasks. Increased traffic, the over abundance of shoppers and vendors and the wrongful invalidation of purchased parking permits combine to convert the Santa Ana campus into a circus, every Sunday.

Although classes are not held on Sundays, a number of campus groups and individuals find need for campus facilities on this day. The theatre department, we at the el Don and some teachers have all experienced the difficulties of even getting on campus.

These injustices seems irrelevant when compared to the added traffic, trash and noise suffered by the surrounding community week after week.

If RSC is going to continue to spend money fighting to keep the Sunday swap meet, then there should be a realignment of who really earns the money from it. At the el Don, we believe that RSC students and the surrounding community would better be served without a swap meet; facilities would receive less wear and our neighbors, patience insured as RSC continues to grow.

Who's Lying about Malathion?

BY JIM SILVER

I was listening to Michael Jackson on KABC Talk Radio last week. He was interviewing one of the doctors that had testified against malathion in the Los Angeles hearings.

This doctor cited numerous recent studies done in European countries. He was very direct in confirming peoples' worst fears that malathion spraying is not nearly as safe as the state would have us believe. He said that the topic of cancer-causing (which is minimal) is a conscious effort to divert attention from the real toxicity issues.

1) Malathion bio-degrades to malaaxon, a substance much more toxic than malathion.

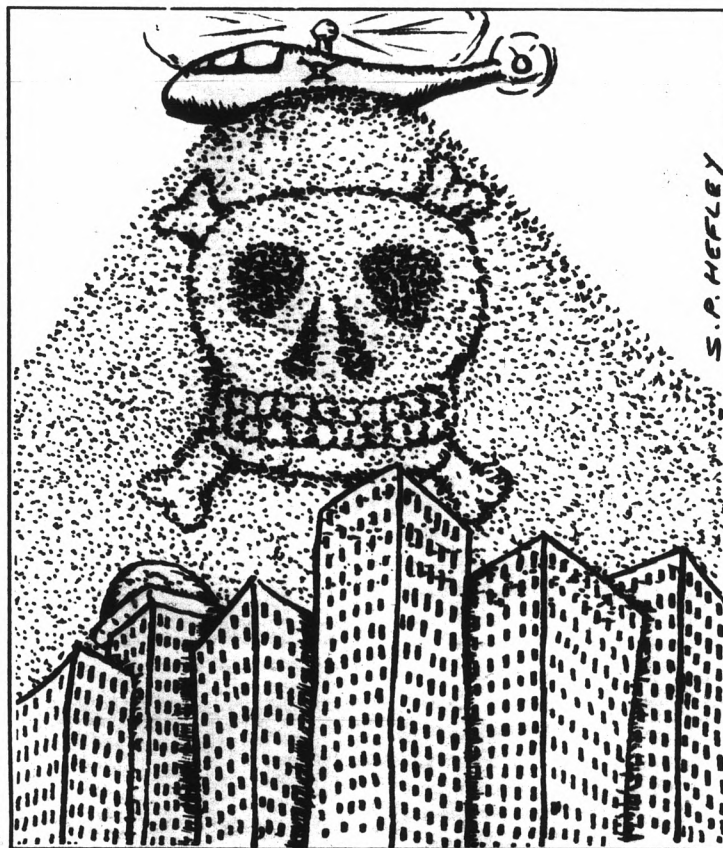
2) Malathion has an affinity for accumulating in the gonads, causing dramatic chromosome damage, thus leaving us open to a legacy of deformed and/or dysfunctional offspring.

3) It also causes liver and nervous system damage.

4) It also kills fish and beneficial insects, such as honey bees and ladybugs.

Okay, so there aren't a lot of fish in L.A. and Garden Grove. We still have to ask ourselves, "Would our illustrious leaders lie to us?"...only about as frequently as a dripping faucet. History has proven it. It's a mistake to forget the lesson.

What a coincidence, too, that



the Crystal Cathedral was conveniently skirted around. I mean, it was so near the med-fly discovery site. I guess the county would rather risk leaving a few live ones than pay for the window washing job. It's easier to brainwash the voters.

Both the County of Los Angeles Department of Health Services and the County of Orange Health Care Agency have been sending four page bulletins to doctors. To be used, "for future reference; just in case." Just close your windows, bring in the pets, don't go out, and wash your car

within eight hours; but it's perfectly safe.

The state is concerned (and rightfully so) about the produce industry, but who gets rich on that? The growers do. So why not let them take the biological risk and spray their own fields?

Probably because they know that malathion was the third most common cause of illness in California farm workers from 1981 through 1985—after which, the EPA ordered further testing of malathion ("Los Angeles Times," Sept. 15, 1985.)

Letters

What a waste!

Dear Editor,

In my three years as a student at this institution I have come to expect a certain amount of political stone-throwing from the Board of Trustees and especially from the local political representatives.

However, I never expected to see such an inane display of irrelevant political rambling as I did from the Faculty Senate in last week's issue of the el Don.

The fact that a faculty senate would mandate the purchase of

an advertisement in a student newspaper to espouse their own social and political points of view is in itself ridiculous.

However, the fact that the copy chosen by the faculty to place in its ad said absolutely nothing of import or relevance is even more an affront to their organization and to the students.

I certainly hope that the senate has better things to concentrate its efforts on than publicly pontificating about their side to a student run staff editorial.

Perhaps they should focus their witch hunts within their own

organization and attempt to curtail some of the personal attacks and malicious misrepresentations that appear in their own publication Faculty News and Views.

If the faculty of this college is at a loss for an arena in which they can vent some of their political aggressions, it might be nice to see them address the educational rather than political problems facing this institution.

Dan Tratensek,
Student

‘Born on the Fourth’s’ accuracy shouldn’t be questioned

Movie is entitled to literary license

BY KAREN WALSH

Ron Kovic has been feeling some unexpected heat lately.

The pressure is coming from members of the media, who are wondering nowadays if ‘Born on the Fourth of July,’ the film based on Kovic’s autobiography, is completely accurate.

Did Kovic really go to his high school prom? Did his high school wrestling coach yell, “Kill! Kill! Kill!” to Kovic during a match? Was Abby Hoffman actually at Syracuse University during the 1970 protest recorded in the movie? Was Kovic pushed from his wheelchair and beaten up at the 1972 GOP convention or was he quietly escorted out?

These Kovic-bashing questions have been circulating among local newspapers, mostly by right-wing writers and politicians like Rep. Robert Dornan, R-Garden Grove.

The events mentioned above, which the media is putting under a microscope and picking apart, have little to do with the basic plot of ‘Born on the Fourth of July.’

In the course of the film, Kovic volunteers to enlist in the Vietnam War, after being ‘brainwashed’ by the U.S. government to fight for his country. Paralyzed by an enemy bullet that severed his spine, Kovic becomes bitter. Coming home to an indifferent American public is also a hard blow. But he channels this inner hostility in positive ways, becoming a fervent anti-war activist. This is the true core of the movie.

What the news media seems to forget is that the makers of ‘Born on the Fourth of July’ never claimed it was a documentary. Film makers have often taken license with published works in order to create movies that are more sensational and tug at the heartstrings. This film should not be singled out for criticism of its complete accuracy. That is irrelevant.

What is important is the big picture. If one is able to watch ‘Born on the Fourth of July’ and feel the different range of emotions that Kovic lived through, then the movie is not only effective, but accurate.



Lithuania declares its independence

BY GREGORY CREEL

The Lithuanians are free! Well, at least for now, but doesn’t it have a nice ring?

The Lithuanian Parliament issued a declaration of independence, breaking free from the rusty red chains of their 50-year long Soviet captors. And the world is stunned. Gorbachev doesn’t know what to do and Bush, as always, doesn’t know what to say. But their Baltic neighbors are whooping it up, rushing to be the next in line.

The Soviets say no military force will be used but the Lithuanians aren’t partying at full hilt just yet. The Reds have pride too, and I wouldn’t be too thrilled if my roommates just upped and split on me either.

So that’s why Moscow will send Vilnius a bill demanding repayment of the billions of Rubles invested in the state during the 50 year span. Vilnius will in turn toss that bill and send Gorbachev one of their own based on reparations for the use of their land and resources and for the thousands of Lithuanians sent to Siberia for forced labor. I’m with the Lithuanians all the way.

They were held captive on their own land by this red behemoth and they said “That’s it, you’re exploiting us and you have no right to tell us what to do. Especially since you all don’t even know what the hell you’re doing.”

Sound familiar? Like maybe us a couple of hundred of years ago? The little guy (the colonies) is standing up to the big dude (Great Britain).

And now his cousins up the street are getting restless; as are the Georgians a few blocks over. The time is ripe for these peaceful revolutions as the big dude is all caught up in house cleaning of his own. Americans should be proud of these people. We should be whipping up a two-kegger for this one; freedom rules! Nobody has the right to take away a people’s

land or their right to self determination.

Our government should officially recognize the Republic of Lithuania and any other independence movements in the USSR; but Bush is again wishy-washy on this whole thing. Maybe he has good reason this time though.

Does Bush really want to encourage the independence movements? Some people might get the wrong idea like maybe...the people, whose land, we took away in the last century. And the stories relate; a free people and their land was overrun by a much bigger foreign force, swallowed up and forced to adapt to their new big brother’s ways.

Lithuanians or American Indians. They’re all the same, subjects under foreign domination on their own land. Our constitution guarantees freedom to all citizens. Absolute freedom? Hardly. At least the Soviet constitution allows republics to secede. Any odds on the chances for the Cherokees to ask for Oklahoma, or the Navajos Arizona and New Mexico? Get serious.

The American Indians are still under foreign occupation and our government will never give back the land we stole fair and square. I’ll be first to admit, I don’t think I’d want to give up my land if the American Indians asked for it back. But then again time does not right old wrongs. It’s either independence, yes or independence, no. No double standards. Lithuanians and American Indians are entitled to the same universal rights.

It’s no wonder why the American Indians don’t care for the U.S. government. It’s hypocrisy. Freedom? How much, and for whom?

A colleague of mine saw a great sticker on the back of an old pick-up driven by an American Indian. It read: America, love it or give it back.

Go for it Lithuanians, may your determination be an inspiration to all peoples under foreign domination.

THE SECOND

FRONT

■ **RSC's New Visions and Ventures:**
Art Forum to feature works of John Valadez.

■ **Tying a knot on the baby sitter of the 90s?**
Loyd Atwood gives the low down on kiddie TV.

■ **Hit and Miss:**
Need to sow some wild oats? Try the Singer of the south.



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The Second Page

BY JEFF WARRICK

RSC's Art gallery presents, as part of
their Latino Art exhibit the:

VISIONS FROM VALADEZ

John Valadez, featured artist during RSC's Art Week 1990, displays exquisite drawings and pastel paintings in an exhibition labeled "New Visions and Ventures in Latino Art."

Valadez captures the images of ordinary people and explores their humanity, dignity, relation to the environment, and the transition from life to death as displayed in his "Self Portrait" 1988, pastel on paper.

"I simply record the conditions, painting real everyday things we take for granted. There's a power there we don't often see," said Valadez.

The spirit of his work conveys a repeating message, seemingly depicting life as being violent and tragic, transcended by the positive qualities of the human spirit.

Using still life photography as a tool for his art, Valadez could be considered a photo-realist. Being a self-taught photographer he captures the human, ordinary side of his subjects, then with minimum intervention brings you an even

closer approach to his models.

Sometimes in his work, Valadez projects his color slides on the working surface and renders the images directly, retaining the photographic distortion in his

pastel paintings, such as in "Preacher," 1983.

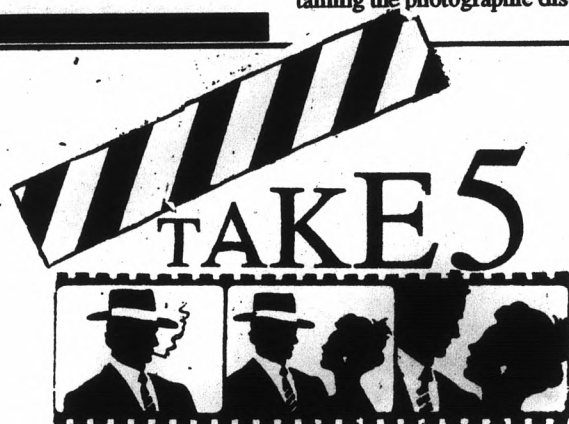
This exhibition, and its accompanying lectures, workshops and displays by Chicano artists is meant to be a prelude and

a salute to the "Chicano Art: Resistance and Affirmation."

"Being a Chicano is really living in two worlds. Some of us want to get away from the whole Latino stigma and all the negative images associated with it," Valadez said. "The way I challenge this is to draw figures of the restless youth and the forgotten people and render them to art."

Such works which respond specifically to Chicano consciousness in the exhibit are "La Sad Girl," "Wedding Piece," "Clavo," "Robert and Liz," "Fatima," and "Santa Ana Condition" and span a period of seven years of dedication.

Art Week continues from March 14-21 and will feature lecture and demonstrations by guest speakers Gilbert (Magu) Sanchez Lujan on "Chicano Humor in the Human Landscape: Sculptural Environments" on March 19; Dr. Shifra M. Goldman of "Graggiti as Calligraphy and Art" on March 21; and Leo Limon demonstrates "The Pocket Airbrush: Drawing, Painting and Calligraphy with the Spray Can" on March 21.



How to get worked

The RSC Community Services Division will be offering a class for artists on March 22.

Entitled 'How to Market your Art in the 1990's,' the three-hour class will focus on the starving artist, and how he can find buyers for his art.

The class will meet in room U-204D from 6:30-9:30. The instructor is Michelle Carter and the cost is \$30.00. for more information call 667-3096.

Building a future

San Diego architect Kendrick Kellogg will be a guest speaker at the RSC Art Forum March 26.

Kellogg, who considers architecture man's most enduring expression of beauty, will be speaking at noon in room C-104.

"The prerequisites for good architecture come from knowing there is a best way of building something and then doing it that way. A general lack of nerve is one reason why our cities and suburbs now house so much ugliness," said Kellogg.

For more information call 667-3177.

Hungry? Try Macbeth

Rancho Santiago College's newly-formed PAC Theatre Co. brings their own interesting and unique adaptation of William Shakespeare's MacBeth to the Phillips Hall Theatre March 15-18 and 22-25. For show times and ticket information call (714) 667-3177.

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What's Up Front?

The work on the cover of this week's Second Front is from RSC's art gallery.

Created by John Valadez in 1983 it is titled 'Preacher' and was done with pastels on paper.

According to an art department description the work is on loan to the Gallery from Mr. and Mrs. H. Mehterian of Pacific Palisades, Calif.

The Gallery opened the exhibit of Valadez's works on March 15 as part of 'New Ventures in Latino Art' exhibit.

RSC's Art Department offers several free exhibitions of both student and professional art throughout each semester. For more information on RSC's Art Gallery, this exhibit or the works of John Valadez contact the art department at 667-3177.

The story of the Second Front

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In 1982 in the basement of a little bar in the south of Ireland, two American men, Steve Bashakis and Vic Arpeggio plotted out their ideas for a little weekly entertainment newspaper on the back of a dirty napkin.

It took eight years for their dream to come to reality but after lying, cheating and stealing enough money they were able to start production of their paper. Named after the bar they started in, The Second Front is now dedicated to the coverage of not just entertainment but of lifestyles.

From this day forth the Second Front is going to be published weekly as an insert to the el Don.

The Next Page

HIT & MISS WEEKENDER WITH THE GUYS

BY DAN SULLIVAN

Well, last week we gave you our selections for a perfect evening with that special lady in your life.

We certainly hope that you enjoyed yourself.

However, you have to admit that every once in a while a guy just wants to be a guy. You know, go out and not worry about impressing a girl. After all, you had

your weekend of culture. Hey, brushing your hair, eating with utensils, drinking white wine and eating duck aren't all they're cracked up to be, are they? That's why, for this weekend, we're giving a few selections on what to do with the guys.

However, we do realize that this entire concept presents a series of problems.

The first trap you might run into when going out with your buddies is getting away from the old significant other, without her realizing exactly what you are up to.

(****Ed.Note****NO WOMEN MAY READ BEYOND THIS POINT*****)

The first and probably most popular ploy is the 'death in the family' line. But admit it, this is getting a little worn and every girlfriend and boss has heard it a thousand times.

May we suggest a new 90s alternative.

You have to use guilt to your advantage. Make it sound like her absence will make your heart grow fonder. Try "we need to have some time apart, just to keep our romance fresh." For real effect follow it with a sobbing "this is going to hurt me as much as it hurts you." No woman could possibly deny you your freedom after this.

Okay, now you've done it. You have the weekend free, you can cut loose and break out, but where are you going to go.

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If you're really looking to sow your oats and have a completely lost weekend. Head to a place where US laws do not apply. Set your sights on the Sodom of the Southland, Tijuana.

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Tijuana can offer a little bit of everything.

One of the easiest and safest ways to tour TJ is by getting a room in San Diego and taking the trolley for about \$5 straight to the border.

Once you cross into Mexico just get a cab and for five more dollars tell the cabbie to take you to Revolucion.

When you get out there are a few things you have to watch for. First are the street usually though with a friendly attitude and a quarter and they'll leave you alone.

Second, the police. Remember, you are not in America any more. Not all TJ police drive black and white cars, some tool around in Impalas or even Volkswagens. The best way to avoid running into them is by not getting out of line. Don't pick fights or hurl insults. You can't forget you are a visitor in their country you are the 'Ugly American.'

So now its time for fun!

If you want some of the good clean

variety, try going to Tijuana Tilly's. They usually have some excellent drink specials like \$2 pitchers of Corona or Margaritas and good music. If you want the real Tijuana atmosphere though, this place is pretty Americanized.

So your saying, "hey Sullivan, I can get drink specials in Orange County, where's the sodom of the Southland you promised?"

Well if you really need to experience Mexico from a young man's point of view try going to the El Zorro. The El Zorro is a little bar buried along Revolucion that is expensive and lacks atmosphere but trust me you want forget the show.

So now if your lucky, your headed back to the border because either your funds or the statute of limitations have expired.

You've had your weekend with the guys, and your girlfriend is none the wiser. The only thing she may notice that's different about you is the gleam in your eye...

Until next week....

Letters, we get letters

Dear Mr. Bashakis,

You still owe me money from the little trip I took to Belgium. I never thought that I would find you since I thought you were still in that jam in the south of Iraq.

I'm in no hurry for you to send me the money seeing how as my lawyers have already contacted the local authorities and you publicly stated in last weeks Second Front that you had enough money to run this paper and that you had to steal to get it.

Bide your time Steve you'll be hearing from me.

Oh and by the way I really like the look of your paper. It's new and original and a definite breath of fresh air to the community.

Sincerely,
Dr. Stanley Lipscowe. Phd.

Dear Guns & Ammo,

I especially enjoyed your sections last week on Bow Hunting in the Muskogees and on the facts and foibles behind the 9mm model of the UZI as opposed to the Heckler and Koch 9mm.

Especially the latter, believe me, I've often sat up nights worrying about the jam factor on both makes and your story cov-

ered that issue quite thoroughly.

I do however, have one question on the ventilation for a Colt .45 government issue and the aeration on the Beretta model.

Which of the guns would be easier to modify into a large bore .48 and which would have more stopping power?

Oh and by the way I really like the look of your paper. It's new and original and a definite breath of fresh air to the community.

Sincerely,
Gunnery Sgt. Jay T. Bradley
USMC

Dear Editors,

If you haven't heard, there is one aspect of entertainment that you have been overlooking; dancing.

There is a new and super dance craze circulating in local night clubs and I think you should take a look at it.

It's somewhat of a mix between Salsa and dirty dancing and it's called Lambada.

I would like to hear more about it and if you could maybe even a story.

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a definite breath of fresh air to the community.

Sincerely,
Anna Ryan

Dear Editor,

I would like to call to your feeble attention some mistakes I noticed in last weeks first installment of the Second Front.

Hey, Bashakis. What kind of a man are you? Are you off your nut? A Steinlager is 1.8 pints not the puny one pint that you reported it to be. Any drinker worth his salt would know better than to say it was One pint.

And if it's true what they say about the size of a man's beer, than your selling yourself about 9.3 ounces short.

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Sincerely,
Kevin Scott

Dear Editors,

I'm a 23-year-old college co-ed majoring in Accounting. I'm what you would consider petite, weigh about 110 Lbs. and

I have sandy blond hair and green eyes.

I normally don't read magazines like yours but I just had to tell you about this experience I had.

See, one day my girlfriends and I were sunning on top of our dorm roof (we usually don't wear any clothes) and Tabby who was cooking, left her breakfast on the stove and before we knew it the entire dorm was on fire.

Well when the fireman arrived and broke onto the roof you can imagine how surprised we were.

Then one of the best looking hose-jockeys I've ever seen came right up to me. I bashfully asked him if the fire was out and he said "I don't know it still seems pretty hot up here to me."

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Sincerely,
Tamara Gold

TUNING IN ON TV

BY LOYD ATWOOD

The following is the first installment of a series of articles dealing with television and its effects on America's youth.

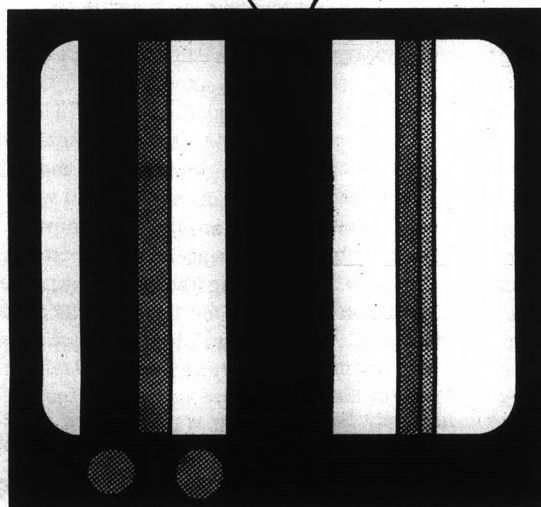
In the 1950s, Newton Minnow, then head of the Federal Communications Commission, likened television to "a vast wasteland." Four decades later, children's television has become a national disgrace, a children's home shopping network peopled by a mind-numbing assortment of turgid cartoon characters. Despite the protests of educators and the promises of politicians, 'kidvid' has been going downhill since the days of 'Howdy Doody.'

Walt Disney may have started it all when he conceived 'The Mickey Mouse Club' as a marketing tool for the "happiest place on earth" and established Disneyland as a cultural icon.

The commercialization of children's television is a serious problem and one that is firmly entrenched in the broadcasting industry. Because the laissez-faire attitudes of both the Reagan and Bush administrations have precluded any interference with the cereal and candy companies, it is a problem with which we will continue to deal.

Prior to 1984, the FCC limited television commercials to no more than 12 minutes per hour during the week, 9.5 minutes per hour on the weekends. On Sept. 24, 1984, the FCC deregulated all advertising and the airwaves were quickly filled with 30-minute commercials for skin care and exercise products, real estate and diet seminars and similar off-hour presentations.

Deregulation has allowed advertisers to virtually saturate children's programs with commercials. Most of these shows are thinly veiled product endorsements, little more than 30 minute commercials themselves. Peggy Char-



ren, President of Action for Children's Television, or ACT, feels that the toy companies are actually deciding what programs our children watch. "People who want to produce children's programs with something to say instead of something to sell are zapped out of the system."

Charren's sentiments are reflected in the fact that by the end of 1987 there were 25 shows that featured toys as their main characters and 75 programs with featured products.

A zenith of sorts was reached with the syndication of 'Captain Power and the Soldiers of the Future,' a program produced by the Mattel Toy Company. Captain Power featured an interactive Power Jet weapon which cost about \$35. Critics were upset by the fact that the price of the Power Jet would separate young viewers into haves and have-nots. For once, the good guys won a round. Mattel took a bath on the program; 'Captain Power' was cancelled and similar programs were left in the planning stages.

Charren, a Massachusetts housewife, and other concerned parents, decided to do something about the lack of quality programming for their children, and founded ACT in 1968. ACT, which monitors trends in children's television, has been a constant source of praise for quality programming and a thorn in the side of those who would

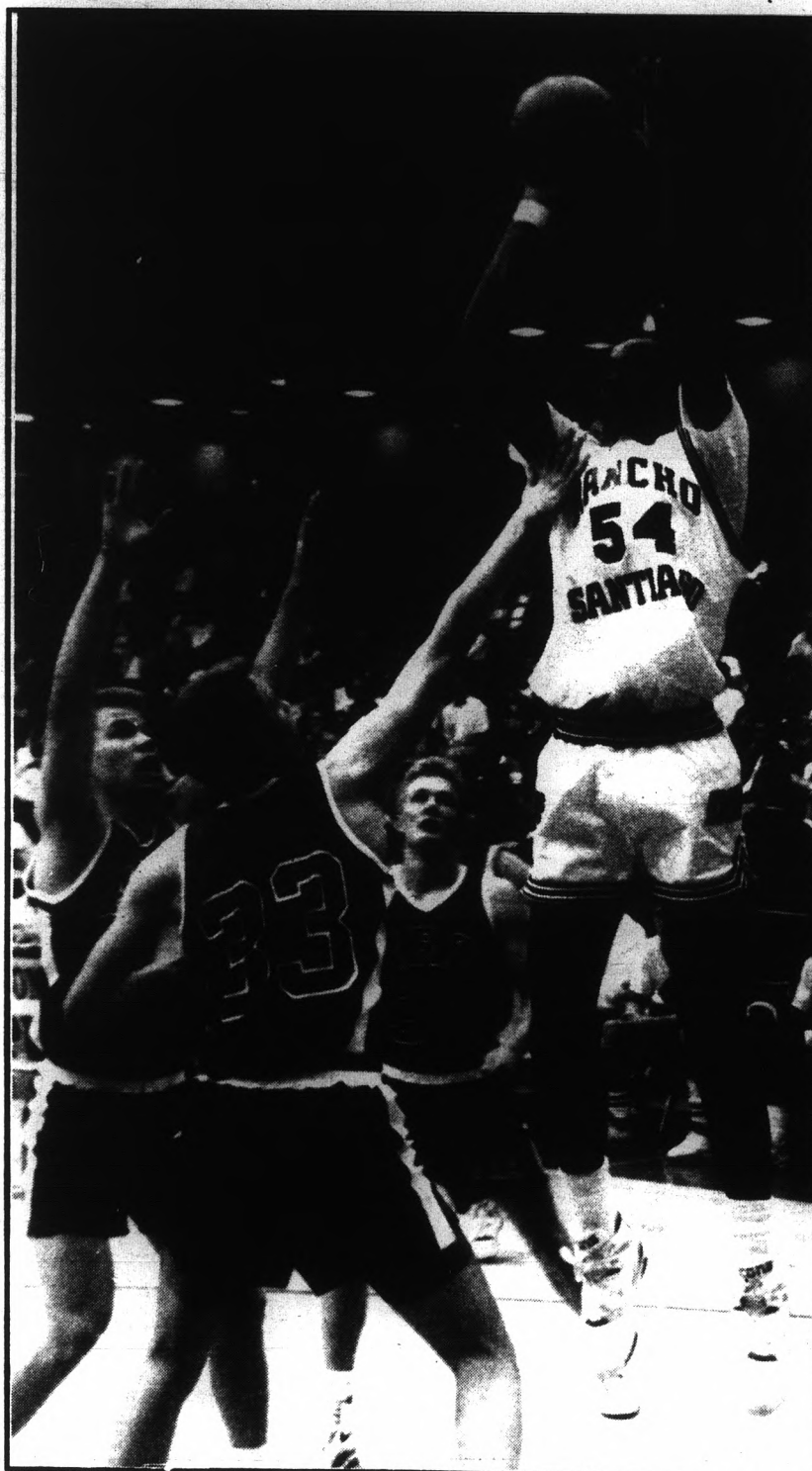
misuse what they see as a public trust.

ACT challenged the lack of advertising guidelines in court in June, 1987. As a result, the U.S. Court of Appeals ordered the FCC to re-examine the possible effects of its deregulation on children's television. Rep. Terry L. Bruce (D. Ill.), introduced a bill to reinstate the FCC's prior advertising limits. Bruce called for a separation of product and program, called for the elimination of sales pitches by hosts and the cessation of tie-in advertising. Said Bruce, "We realize that when Johnny Carson says 'buy something' he's selling it, he's getting paid for it. When cartoon character's say 'You need this,' kids don't always distinguish that they don't really need it." Charren wonders if children can sometimes even tell the difference between the product and the program. "For all other audiences, commercials interrupt programming. But for children's television, commercials interrupt very long commercials."

Bob Keeshan, who in his alter-ego was a long-time television fixture as 'Captain Kangaroo,' thinks that television could be doing a great deal more for our children. Keeshan believes that children's television underachieves because, "Unlike other nations, which know television's power to educate, we have opted to protect the rights of broadcasters and have made television a tool, not to nurture but to sell to children."

The trend towards commercialization in children's television is frightening in that it, for the most part, gives the child little in the way of fresh ideas. What good can be transferred to a child by the constant recycling of movie concepts, trademarked products and the same cartoons we, or in some cases, our parents, watched as kids?

State Champions!



SUPERMAN - Corie Blount towers over 3 American River Beavers in the Don's 86-66 quarterfinal victory.

Photo by Danny McCoy

BY MIKE STONE
STAFF WRITER

*Who dat, who dat, who dat gonna beat dem Dons?
Who dat, who dat, who dat gonna beat dem Dons?*

That is what the RSC mens basketball team chanted as they stood in a circle under their basket.

And after they had cut down the net and Alvin Loftis wore it around his neck like an Olympic medal, the answer rung throughout UCI's Bren Events Center.

No one.

Behind a game-high 29 points from sophomore center Matt Lien, Rancho defeated Chabot, 72-65, in the California Community College Championship,

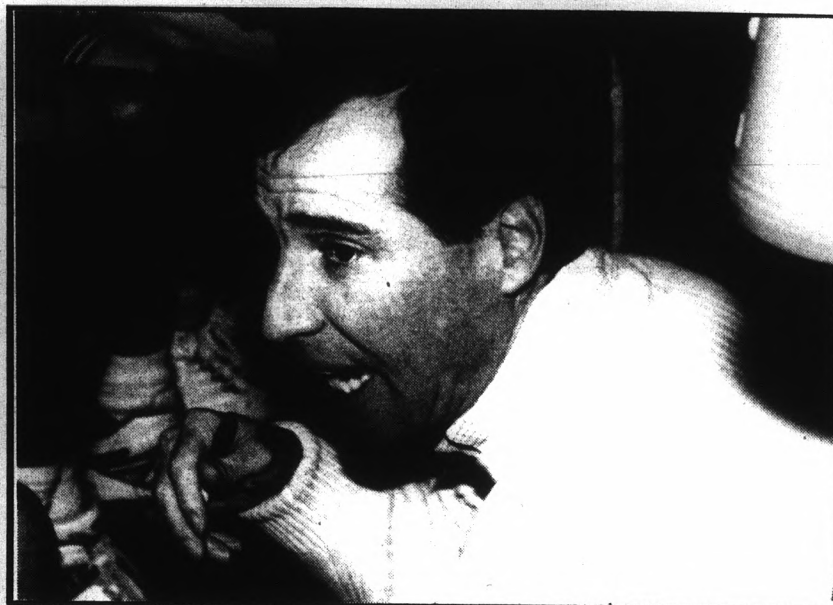
capturing the school's first-ever basketball state title. The Don's end the campaign 32-3, a school record for victories in a season.

RSC's coach Dana Pagett called it the best win of his coaching career.

"Without a doubt, without a doubt," the Don's coach for the past eight years said. "We played a good team, we beat a good team, so I'm real happy. the guys played real hard tonight."

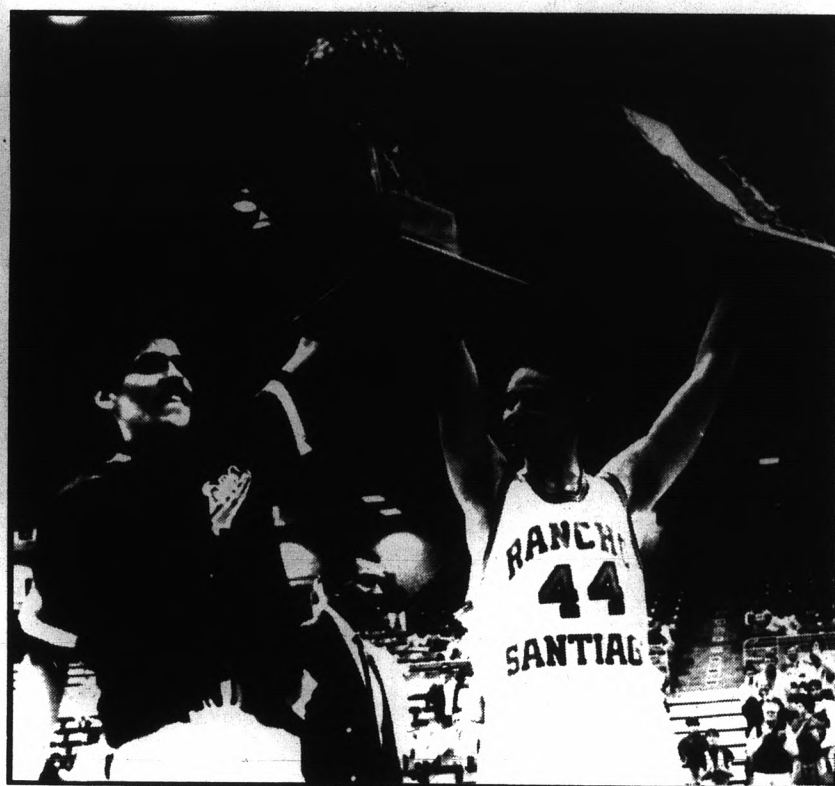
Lien, who started his career at RSC in 1987-88 as a redshirt project, ended it as the state tournament's MVP. He added eight rebounds and three blocked shots to his nine field goals and 11 free throws.

"Matt had a great game. He's been super for us all year long and he picked a good time to have a great



COACH - Dana Pagett goes over strategy during timeout against El Camino.

Photo by Danny McCoy



THE VICTORS - Gene Altamirano and Mike Hunter hold the team's trophies.

Photo by Graham Schildmeyer

game," Pagett said. "Matt's been a steady performer for us, and was MVP in four out of our five tournaments, so we expect him to do well."

Gene Altamirano and Corie Blount, who were both named to the all-tournament team, scored 13 and 10 points respectively. Vern Broadnax scored 11 points and John Guerrero came off the bench and grabbed seven rebounds.

Altamirano, who had seven assists and three steals, also hit a three-point shot to give him 103 for the season and 141 for his career. Both are RSC records.

The Don's controlled the game from the opening tip, and after Mike Hunter's layup, were ahead by 10

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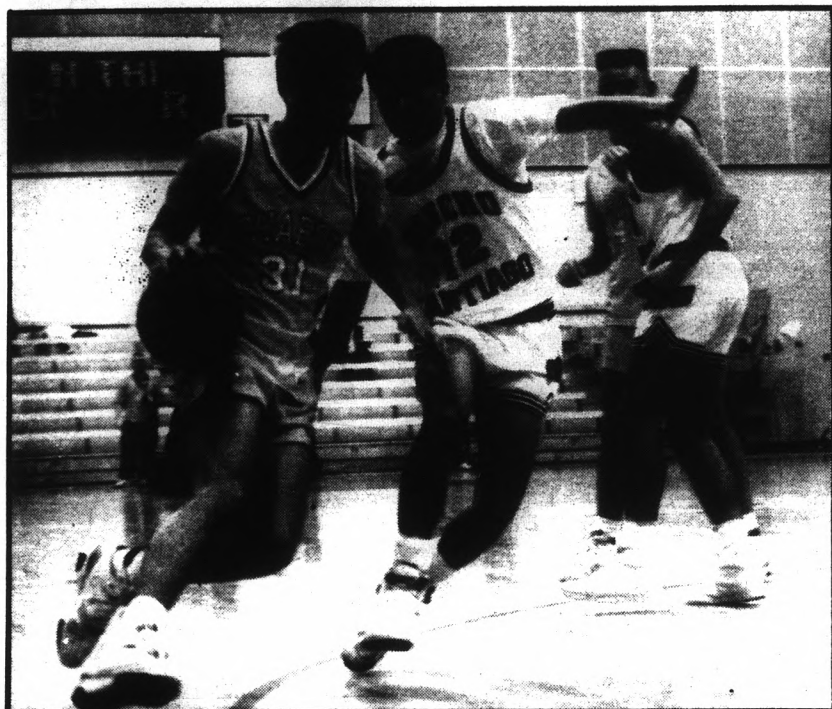
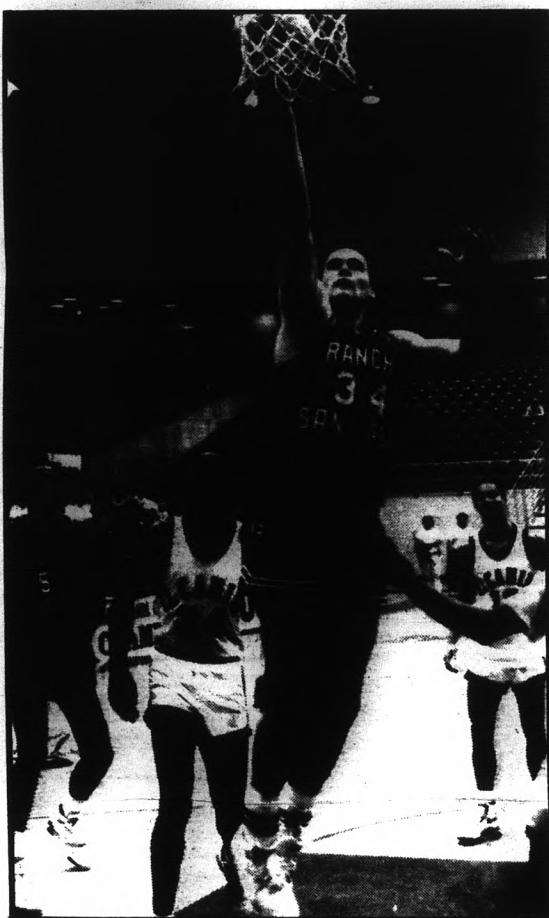


Photo by Graham Schildmeyer



Photo by Danny McCoy



Upper Left - John Guerrero applies pressure defense to Chabot's Tony Amundsen in the Don's 72-65 championship victory.

Upper Right - Alvin Loftis drives to the basket in the Don's 81-70 semifinal win over El Camino.

Lower Right - Starting guard Vern Broadnax will not let the American River defense stop him from scoring.

Lower Left - Guard Cameron Terry drives the lane for two against El Camino.

Photos by Danny McCoy



Champions:

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points at 21-11 with 10:46 to play in the first half.

But just 45 seconds later Blount picked up his third foul, and sat on the bench the rest of the first half.

Chabot, who was ice-cold in the first half, hitting only 11 of 32 field goal attempts and three of nine free throws, closed the gap to 27-21 with 5:40 left and Pagett called a timeout.

"I don't remember what I said," Pagett admitted after the game. "I was saving my speech for the second half."

Whatever Pagett said, it worked. The Don's went on

a 14-4 to end the half, and went into the locker room with a 41-25 lead.

With Blount out, Lien was the force inside for RSC, scoring eight of the final 14 points of the half.

"Yeah, (Pagett) said get open inside and get the ball and if I miss, to get the rebound," Lien said. "He said just keep on shooting."

In the second half Chabot's shooting heated up, while the Don's seemed to suffer a letdown.

RSC committed 12 turnovers in the second half and when Tony Amundsen connected on a three-point shot with 11 minutes left, the Don's lead was cut to seven, at 53-46.

"I had a lot of concern (in the second half)," Pagett said. "They were down to seven at one time all of a

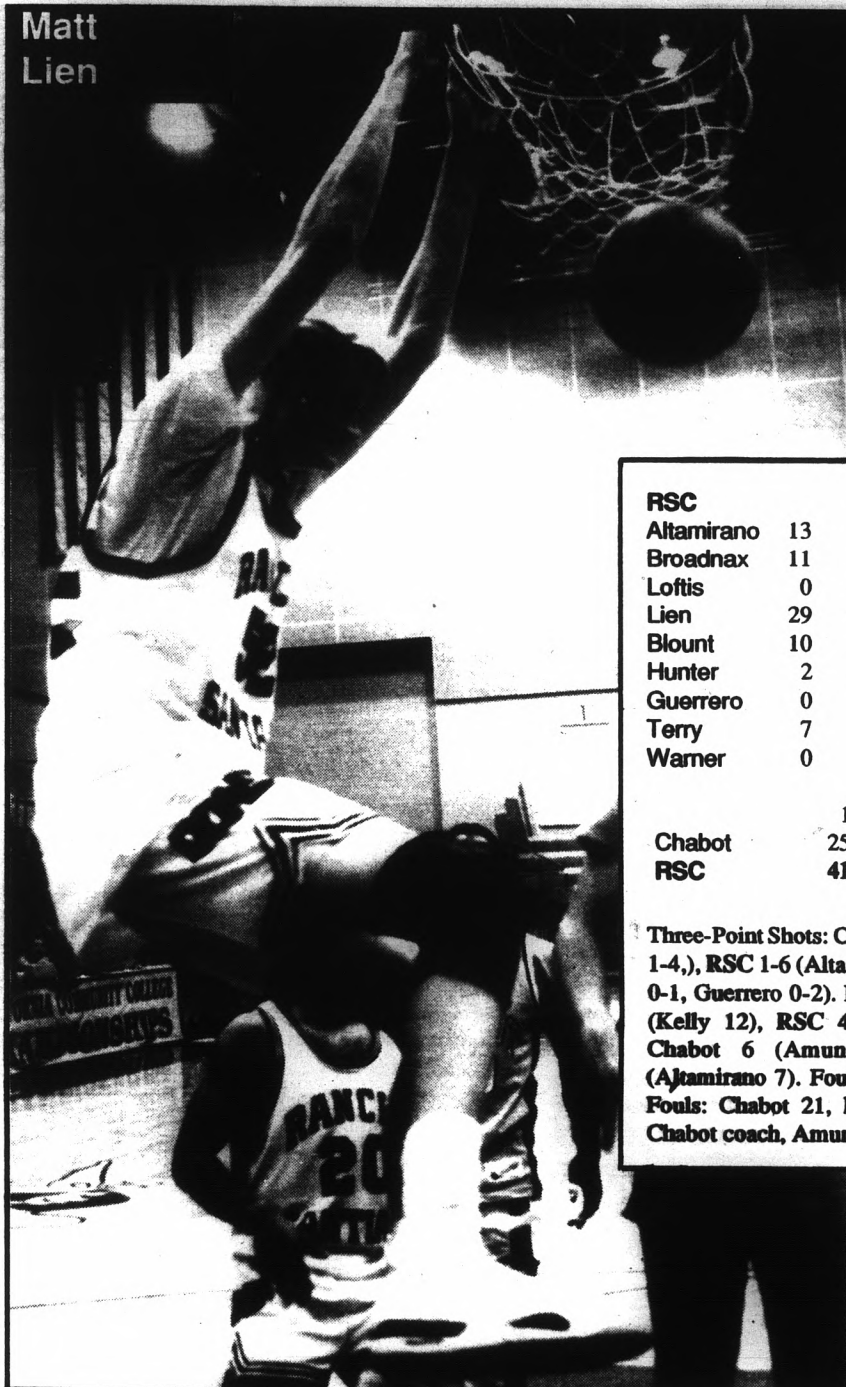
sudden a couple of turnovers and a couple of three-pointers and they're right back in it."

But consecutive baskets by Broadnax and Blount pushed the lead back to 11, and Chabot could get no closer than the final score.

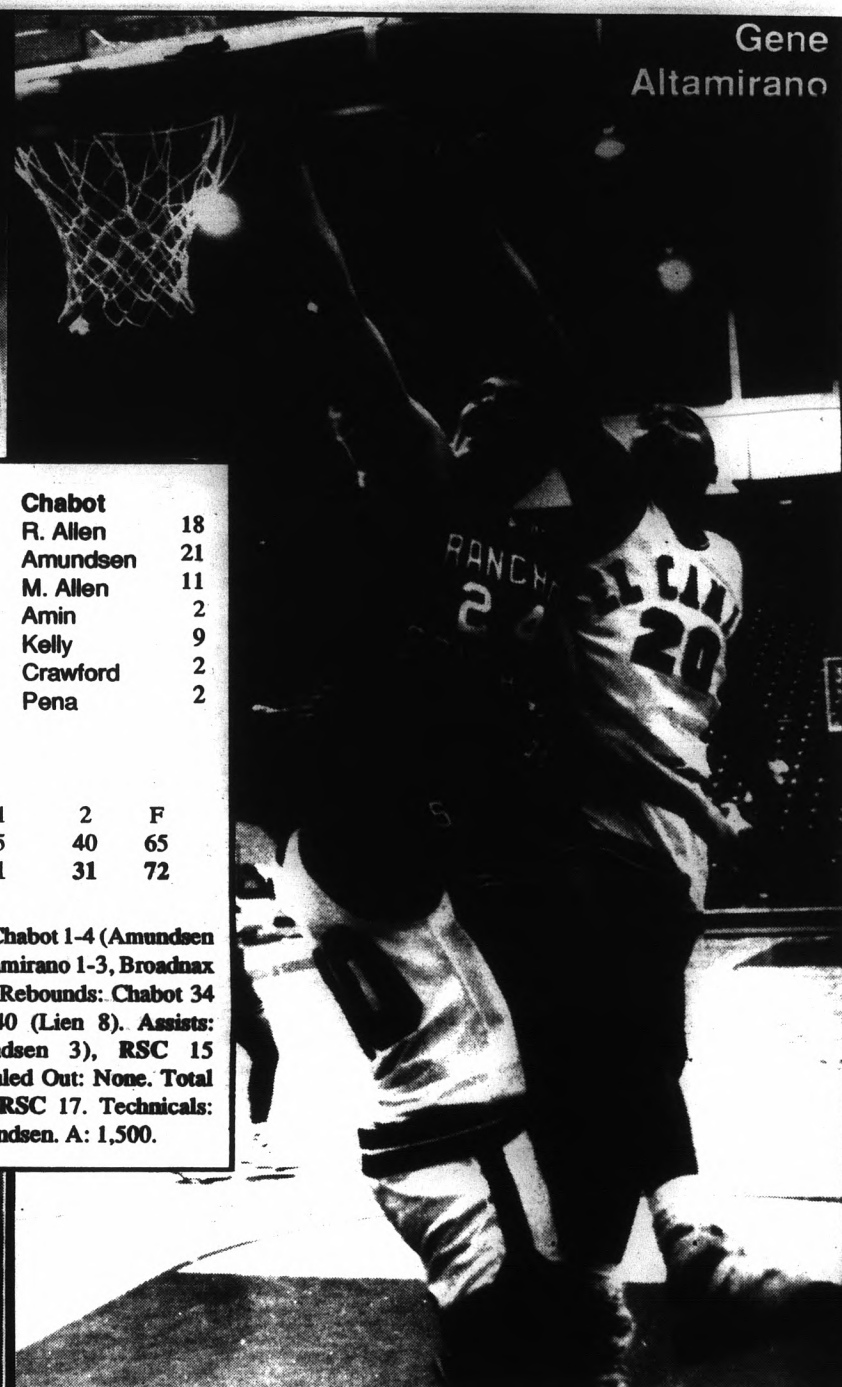
"Each time that you play three days in a row, you're bound to be tired," Pagett said. "I think that we probably had more depth than they did and maybe that's why we were really fresh at the start, because I thought in the second half both teams were tired. I think that maybe in the first two games of the tournament, that they were using six or seven players, where we were using eight or nine."

Those nine Dons have something that can never be taken away. A state championship.

Matt
Lien



Gene
Altamirano



RSC		Chabot	
Altamirano	13	R. Allen	18
Broadnax	11	Amundsen	21
Loftis	0	M. Allen	11
Lien	29	Amin	2
Blount	10	Kelly	9
Hunter	2	Crawford	2
Guerrero	0	Pena	2
Terry	7		
Warner	0		

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Chabot	25	40	65
RSC	41	31	72

Three-Point Shots: Chabot 1-4 (Amundsen 1-4), RSC 1-6 (Altamirano 1-3, Broadnax 0-1, Guerrero 0-2). Rebounds: Chabot 34 (Kelly 12), RSC 40 (Lien 8). Assists: Chabot 6 (Amundsen 3), RSC 15 (Altamirano 7). Fouled Out: None. Total Fouls: Chabot 21, RSC 17. Technicals: Chabot coach, Amundsen. A: 1,500.

Photos by Danny McCoy

Community College Basketball Championship Tournament

Quarterfinals	Semifinals	Championship
Merced	Merced	
Imperial Valley		Chabot
Moorpark	Chabot	
Chabot		Rancho Santiago
Amer. River		
Rancho Santiago	Rancho Santiago	
El Camino		Rancho Santiago
West Valley	El Camino	

Dons end season with several records

BY MIKE STONE
STAFF WRITER

It will be a season that this campus, and those that followed the Dons, will never forget.

But the coming generations of RSC players, who were not around to see it in person, will remember this season if they look at Rancho's record book.

Besides winning the school's first state title since the women's softball team in 1986 and the first mens title since the wrestling team captured the California State championship in 1974, the 1989-90 Dons set records for victories in a season with 32 and best winning percentage at .914 (32-3).

Shoot guard Gene Altamirano, whose three-point bombs highlighted much of the Dons' outside game, set single season and career records with his accuracy.

He connected on 103 treys this season, breaking Kenny Ammann's record of 72 set in the 1987-88 season. For his career, Altamirano has made 141 three-pointers, also a school record.

Twice in a game, against Mt. San Antonio College during the regular season and against Glendale in the playoffs, he connected on six shots from beyond the 19-9 line, tying Ammann's record.

Altamirano ends his RSC career with 893 points, 14th on

the all-time list. His 549 points this season was good for a 15.6 average and No. 17 spot on the single-season list.

Center Matt Lien was Mr. Inside for Rancho, and his 642 points on the season was good enough for a team leading 18.3 per game and eighth place on the Don's all-time single season list.

Lien ended his career at RSC with 875 points, 15th on the all-time list.

Forward Conie Blount could be called Mr. Windex, for his ability to clean the glass. Besides scoring 13.8 points per game, Blount led the Dons with 279 rebounds on the season. His 21 boards against Palomar is an RSC single-game record.

Dana Pagett: Glory amid heartache

Dana Pagett said it was his greatest victory as a coach, winning the state championship.

For the past eight years he has toiled at RSC, and along with assistants Don Frank and Andy Andres, has tried to teach the game of basketball to young men.

And after the championship game was over and his players were accepting the spoils of their victory, Pagett sat on the bench with his face in his hands, crying.

Pagett has been coaching for 17 years, and while the 1989-90 season brought his first championship, it has also brought much personal suffering.

While the Dons were setting records on the court, Pagett's parents passed away.

"It's been unbelievably difficult (for Pagett)," Frank said, after the championship game. "In a way, the season's been good for him. It's helped



him keep his mind off it."

Pagett's father died in November, after Rancho's first game.

His mother died in February.

"I think probably the best thing for me

was to have this team," Pagett said. "All the players, the coaches, were very supportive. For that time on the practice floor I was able not to think about it."

So Pagett worked out his pain by working the team, turning the Dons into champions.

And the team recognizes what he went through.

"Coach Pagett is the greatest," Corie Blount said. "I really give him credit for this season, with everything that has happened."

"My high school coach used to be my favorite coach, until I came here," Vern Broadnax said. "Now it's coach Pagett."

While the players can't take away his pain, maybe with the championship they have given Pagett something back. Something that will make this season a little easier to remember.

Or maybe just having them around was enough.

Pagett's Coaching Record

Pagett has been involved in coaching since 1973, as either an assistant or head coach. After one year at Loyola Marymount, Pagett moved to Long Beach St., where he was an assistant for three years. In 1977, Pagett went to Utah St., and coached there as an assistant for five seasons before landing the head coaching job at RSC. After eight years with the Dons, he owns the RSC basketball record for most coaching wins with 165.

Rancho Santiago

1982-83	17-16
1983-84	16-16
1984-85	11-18
1985-86	16-15
1986-87	29-5
1987-88	25-8
1988-89	19-11
1989-90	32-3

Rancho Santiago Record 165-92

Matt Lien: A surprise MVP

Matt Lien never thought he would be where he is today.

Not only is Lien RSC's leading scorer, but he was selected to the All-OEC for the second consecutive year, and capped-off his career with the Dons by being named the state tournament's MVP.

"There's a lot of people that could have got it (MVP honors). I'm glad they picked me," said Lien, 20.

Being state champions didn't feel so bad either.

"It makes me feel real good. Other (RSC) teams have been talented, but we were the first to win. It just feels good to be the only one (to win)," Lien added.

Social science is an area that Lien is thinking of exploring when he starts attending UC Berkeley next semester. He also wants to take basketball as far as he can in the future.

"Everyone dreams of playing pro ball," he said. "But it doesn't really matter. I'm not really looking that far ahead right now."



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Corie Blount: Team Player

Corie Blount won't deny it.

"Yes, it's been a great year," the Dons 6-9 freshman forward said. "At the beginning I wasn't really sure we could go all the way, but once we beat Glendale and went to UCI, I had no doubt we were going to win it all."

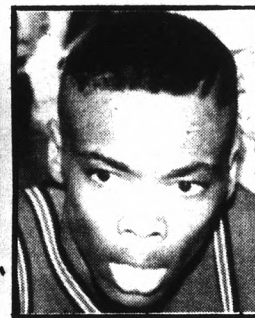
The 1989-90 championship may be a little sweeter for Blount than the rest of the Dons. He spent all of the 1988-89 season on the bench with an injured left ankle.

"I really regret not being

able to play last season, but the injury did help," he said. "I improved my game and played better this season."

Blount, who had less of a scoring role with Matt Lien playing inside, is looking forward to carrying the load next year.

"This year I didn't have to do that much because of Matt. I was passing the ball a lot, more a team player," Blount said. "Next season I hope I get more involved in the offense."



"At the beginning I wasn't really sure we could go all the way..."

Gene Altamirano: Bomber

When told that he had broken RSC's and his own career records in shooting three-point baskets, Gene Altamirano took it in stride.

"I just did it. I'll just be going from there," he said.

Altamirano, 20, considers winning the state championship his biggest accomplishment so far.

"We worked hard for that. Real hard. It makes me feel great," said

Altamirano. "It's been a real pleasure playing for Coach Pagett."

Altamirano began attending RSC after a year at UC San Diego. "I didn't like it too much over there. (Also), Coach Pagett wanted me to go here," he said.

He thinks his personality makes him unique. "I'm pretty quiet, but when I get on the (basketball) court, my characteristics change. I'm talkative. I'm pumped up," he added.



"I'm pretty quiet, but when I get on the court...I'm talkative. I'm pumped up."

Vern Broadnax: Mr. Clutch

Vern Broadnax knows pressure.

In the playoffs against Glendale, he hit two free throws in the final second that sent the game into overtime and allowed the Dons to win.

"I was nervous, because I've never been in that situation before," the freshman guard said. "I was shaking, so I took a little more time at the free throw line to calm myself."

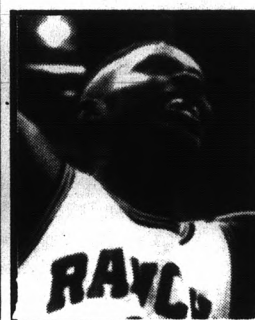
Broadnax knew when the Dons beat Glendale,

the championship was theirs for the taking.

"I felt we had an advantage over other schools because we were close and had fan support," he said. "Playing at the Bren was to our advantage."

Broadnax added that Pagett was the reason the Dons were winners.

"Pagett has really helped me a lot. All he wants is to get the best out of you, win or lose. He just wants you to give it all you got."



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"Yeah, (Pagett) said get open inside and get the ball and if I miss, to get the rebound."

-Matt Lien

Orange Empire Baseball

	W	L	W	L
Fullerton	6	1	15	3
Golden West	6	2	14	3
Rancho Santiago	5	3	15	5
Riverside	5	3	16	6
Saddleback	2	6	7	9
Orange Coast	2	6	9	12
Cypress	1	6	12	10

Dons drop two in a row... then round up Gauchos

- After the opening round of league play, RSC is in a tie for third

BY GREGORY CREEL
SPORTS EDITOR

The Dons found themselves in an unfamiliar third place tie after a weekend scramble losing 4-3 to Golden West and 11-3 to Fullerton before stopping their losing skid, beating Saddleback 10-5.

Before this all started RSC was coasting in first place with a 4-0 record in Orange Empire Conference play. Then came the two teams most likely to knock the Dons down and they did just that.

At Golden West the two teams found themselves deadlocked at three apiece until the Rustlers' Josh Bammer blooped home the winning run in the 10th inning, sending the Dons away with their first conference defeat.

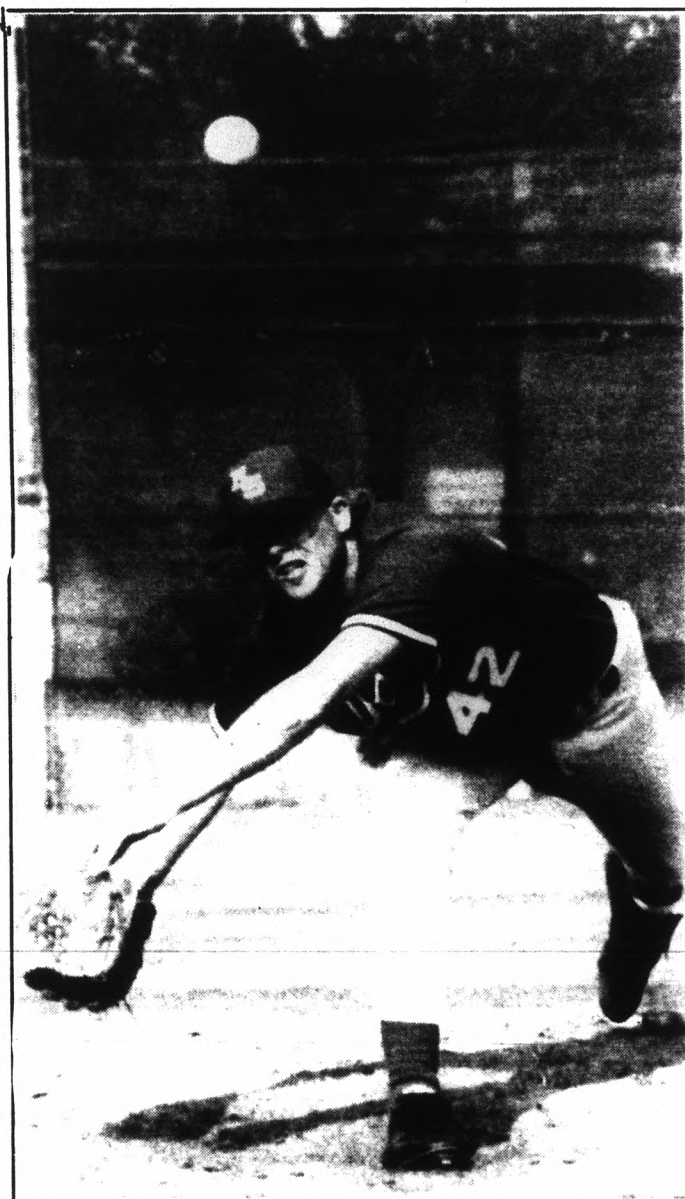
"Our hitters aren't hitting well, the pitchers are doing their job," said coach Don Sneddon. "That kind of loss is hard to take when you lose on two bloop hits, especially since we had the opportunity to win it in regulation with two on, no out in the ninth."

The friendly confines were just that for RSC against rival Fullerton for the first three innings at least as the Dons had established a 3-0 lead.

Then the Hornets' bats came alive, scoring a run in the fourth, four more in the sixth, two in the seventh and four more in the eighth.

"(Fullerton pitcher Steve) Trachsel is one of the best pitchers, if not the best in the conference," noted Sneddon. "He gave up some (early) runs then shut us down, then they scored some runs and everything broke down."

Those two losses are evidence of the OEC's strength as Sneddon has



RELIEF-One of coach Don Sneddon's relievers, sophomore Mike Hoelker trying to quell the Fullerton fire.

Photo by Gregory Creel

five losses (in the end) will win the conference," he said. "Our ability to come off losses will be a key. We control our destiny and that's good, we still have three rounds to go."

With RSC alone in second place behind the Rustlers and Hornets, Sneddon wanted to stop the

downslide before things got out of hand and up through five and two thirds innings at Saddleback Matt Lackie held the Gauchos hitless.

"Lackie has been pitching very well lately," said Sneddon, who warns: "The hitting has to improve to support the pitching."

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Major League Baseball Owners Lockout

Whither Baseball?

BY GREGORY CREEL
SPORTS EDITOR

If this stinking dispute between the owners and the players keeps going on, it's looking more and more like this summer's going to be a damned gloomy one.

This is the time of year when baseball calls out to baseball fanatics to break out of their aged winter's shell and soak up the sun. Time for some peanuts and beer at the ball park, our Valhalla, with the first crack of the bat.

The game has always had an aura of romance to it, but beneath it all the ugly money situations seem to pop up just when the pieces seem to have fallen in place. California baseball is riding high; two consecutive California World Series ended the '80s, and maybe, just maybe, it's the Angels' turn.

But we're waiting, reading the morning paper's accounts of the latest talks and we find they're getting nothing accomplished.

April 2 might be just another day and opening day will have to wait. Now what?

Saturday in summer is so cool. Turn on Jack Buck and the game of the week and everything seems to click for those three hours. Then around the fourth inning, he turns the mike over to each of the two team's own announcers and they call the shots for their half of the inning; and it's pretty easy to imagine yourself in that team's stomping grounds being an avid follower of that team.

That might only be a memory this summer. And this summer might only be one of old memories of seasons past like the summer of '81 during the strike when CBS Radio broadcasted old World Series games like the 1968 classic. In '68, I was too young to really appreciate baseball, so I got a second chance.

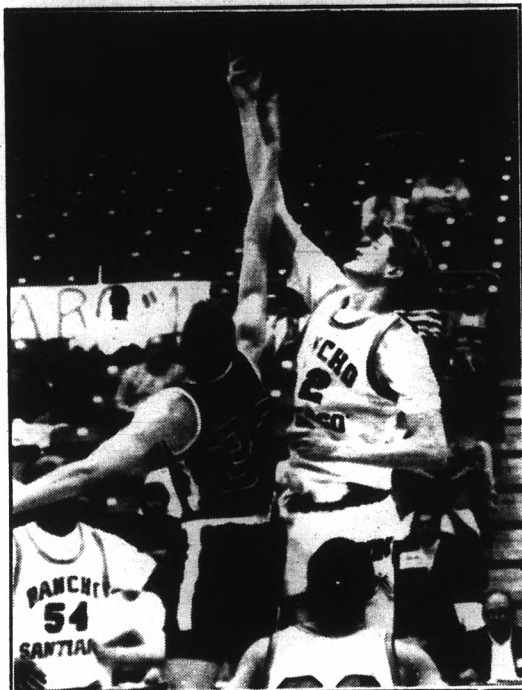
Should all persist, we might only have old memories to guide us through the darkness. Our caps will collect dust in the closet. We'll hear highlights from the '84 Tigers and 1985's comeback Royals (lets forget about 1986 and the 'missed it by that much' Angels). I hope they don't play last year's Series, it's too recent and the names will be too familiar and that would be too depressing; how about Gibson's Game One shot in 1988 instead?

This whole debacle even has me agreeing with our president for once. He and I both go on record asking the parties to shake hands and start playing ball by April 2. Ah, the unifying charms of baseball.

If the two parties don't stop whining the weather forecast will remain overcast or cloudy with a chance of rain, with temperatures in the low 60s until baseball comes back.

With my luck baseball will come back but the brewers union will go on strike on opening day.

Athlete of the Week

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Matt Lien

From red shirt to California Championship Tournament MVP, the UC Berkeley-bound Lien steals this week's award with his 29 points and eight rebounds against Chabot in the final game.

NFL adds two
to playoffs

BY JEFF WARRICK
STAFF WRITER

Football, for the past two decades, has remained in one sense a source of entertainment for the male population of America. A manner in which to release the tension that has built up over the past week. Munching on a ham sandwich while a tight-end gets munched seems to be all there is, or should be, on a Sunday afternoon.

For the avid fan as described above, the announcement of restructuring the NFL post season play-offs by adding two new wildcard teams simply means two extra ham sandwiches. However, for ABC TV the expansion, which they are partly responsible for, is worth about \$1 billion.

ABC demanded more games to meet the NFL's steep price they are negotiating for the television rights. The contract calls for the network to televise 17 prime time Monday night games in 1990 and 1991, Super Bowl XXV in 1991, 18 in 1992 and 1993, plus three pre-season games and the Hall of Fame game each year. However, the deal was finally sealed when the NFL gave the station rights to broadcast two Saturday wildcard playoff games each year.

For ABC, a deal of such proportion would mean revenues unimaginable. If the addition of such a play-off structure is going to benefit the NFL, the decision would be a good one. If such decision making was done because of the money that was up for it, and for that reason only, it could jeopardize the entire structure.

"Additional television revenue was an obvious factor," league spokesman Joe Brown said. "But many clubs also expressed an interest in adding teams (to the playoffs)."

Adding teams will more than likely eliminate some problems that have been prevalent under the current system. Since 1978, 10 teams (including Washington and Green Bay in '89) have been left out of the playoffs despite winning 10 regular season games. Now such teams will have greater chances at post-season play. Most coaches in the league have shown support for the move. "I think it's good," said Buffalo Bills General Manager Bill Polian. "Teams with a good record won't be left out. Secondly, it keeps fan interest alive down to the wire."

For these reasons, I add my support for expansion. In 1988, the New Orleans Saints, whose team failed to make the playoffs with a 10-6 record, might have had a chance at the Super Bowl. That same year the San Francisco 49ers, who had the same record, did make the playoffs and went on to win Super Bowl XXII.

The Denver Broncos, during the 1985 season, are another classic example of a team that might have had a chance. The Broncos finished the year with an 11-5 record yet didn't make post-season play. But over in the AFC Central, the Cleveland Browns with an 8-8 record won the division.

However, some are saying that the NFL is taking the playoffs over the boundaries. But the percentage of NFL teams making the playoffs still lags behind the NBA (16 of 27) and the NHL (16 of 21).

That argument was out the door as fast as it was in, considering that the NHL takes five months to eliminate five teams from the post season. Football cannot and should not be compared to any other sport. Furthermore, I believe that expansion will help rather than hinder the structure of the game. The league is simply meeting the demands of television and the fans of the 90's.

Considering that ABC is retaining Monday Night Football, NBC and CBS will more than likely retain their coverage of Sunday afternoon games, although negotiations are still in process.

One interesting factor, and a good one I might add, was the NFL's decision to stay with ABC's coverage of Monday Night Football, considering they were steeply outbid by Fox television. The NFL's decision was made because of ABC's award winning coverage and dedication to excellence for 20 years.

Knowing if the expansion was the best move will only be shown with time. We'll be waiting and watching to see if it was the right one, although ABC doesn't seem to be worried.

EVENTS

TODAY:

Softball- RSC at Cypress, 3:00 p.m.
Golf- RSC vs. L.A. Harbor, Palos Verdes, noon.

TUESDAY:

Baseball- RSC at Orange Coast, 2:30 p.m.
Mens Tennis- RSC at Cypress, 2:00 p.m.
Womens Tennis- Cypress at RSC, 2:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Softball- Riverside at RSC, 3:00 p.m.
Golf- Fullerton Conference Tourney, Western Hills, noon.

THURSDAY:

Baseball- RSC at San Diego City, 2:30 p.m.
Mens Tennis- RSC at Saddleback, 2:00 p.m.
Womens Tennis- Saddleback at RSC, 2:00 p.m.

FRIDAY:

Softball- RSC at Orange Coast, 3:00 p.m.
Track- RSC at Saddleback, 2:30 p.m.

SATURDAY:

Baseball- Golden West at RSC, noon.

Baseball:

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We scored 10 runs on Saddleback but we only had five hits."

Lackie's efforts were rewarded as freshman Steve Grack hit his fifth home run and sophomore Conrad Colby hit his long overdue first home run.

In an effort to end what he calls a slump, Colby switched his jersey with third base coach Don Popovich, changing his number 23 for Popovich's number 26.

"That's just baseball superstition," Sneddon remarked. "He's not really in a slump. The pitchers know he's hitting well and the others aren't so they don't give him much to hit."

Colby may have to grow accustomed to the bad pitches if the hitting does not improve says Sneddon: "We have three or four guys hitting under .220, and I've never had that (situation as RSC coach). That makes things awfully difficult to win, we can't have that."

But he remains optimistic. "We have strong pitching and defense but we're struggling with the bat," said Sneddon. "Hitting is contagious. We need some guys to get hot and get things going...but we can't get too high or too low. We have to take each game as they come."